Reflections
August 27, 2020

Lighting Strike
Last weekend we had a couple of lightning storms. Lighting struck all over the mountain damaging electronics, phones, internet, refrigerator and research equipment. All buildings were affected: Gatehouse, lower and upper campuses. Within 10 feet of the cabin, the lightning struck and blew off the bark from a pine tree. I'm guessing that tree will be a goner.

The lightning did seem to follow normal pathways into the buildings. (Think electrical lines.) Rather, it seeped into the building and as a result, was capricious in its damaging effects. The damage was extensive enough that we will be filing an insurance claim to reimburse us for the costs associated with repairing the facilities.

New Assignment for Amenie
Starting Monday, 8/31 Amenie will be reporting to Lori Jacobwith and helping to launch our "Funding the Future" campaign. She will work in fundraising four days a week and report to Angie the fifth addressing her housekeeping / chef duties.

Leslie and Susan plottin' and plannin'
This dynamic duo got together with Roberta Moore, conference coordinator for the International Association for Near-death Studies. IANDS recently completed virtual conference was a huge success and Roberta was kind enough to share their "warts and flowers."

Ross is Blown Away

More amazing data is showing up as he uses the new analysis process. He's blown away. He's delaying construction in the Psychomanteum room until the AC and dehumidifier are back online, Otherwise, it's too hot to work in there. (That got blown away, too!)

Overgrown Bushes Out/Water mitigation In
In order to replace the window wells and install tiling along the front of NPC, the severely overgrown bushes had to go. (Reminder: when we had bad rains the window wells filled with water and leaked into the control room next to the BIG electrical panels…so nasty dangerous.) It was also home to unwanted critters…most recently a huge groundhog. We held a little virtual ceremony for the bushes, in their honor of the service they gave to Monroe, and then the new look commenced. We're not hiding behind foliage anymore.
Appropriately sized landscaping will replace the bushes.

Friday off for Scott.

I look forward to seeing you all Monday,
Scott